

Dear Church Members,

On Thursday July 27th, we are leaving for Peru on a service learning trip with a group of nine high school students, three young adults, and three adult leaders for a total of 15 participants. The organizers know that we have probably not asked for contributions from people other than our parents, therefore we have been encouraged to send this letter out to friends and family, in the hopes of generating more funds for the trip.

Our service component will be done one hour outside of Cuzco, Peru, in the rural town of Urubamba, nestled in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. There is an orphanage housing 25 boys aged 5-18 years old there and they recently had a Living Waters for the World water purification system installed. Our youth group will teach a clean water module (in Spanish) about germs and hygiene using the Living Waters for the World VBS curriculum. In addition, we will put in some physical labor to fix up the orphanage, like making adobe bricks, for example.

We are scheduled to be out of the country for about 11 days. The total cost will be around \$2400 per person. We have been doing quite a bit of fundraising to try to reach this amount and we have already received some funds, but we still have a ways to go! Donations have come from the Presbyterian Synod's Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation committee; the Presbyteries; some churches; some church members; bake sales; dessert auctions; and various other activities. Our goal is to only have a small percentage of the total price have to be out of pocket!

All donations, large and small, will help us. If you are able, please send checks made out to "San Gabriel Presbytery" directly to San Gabriel Presbytery, 9723 Garibaldi Ave., Temple City, CA 91780. Write on the memo line Peru Youth Trip and if you want your donation to be designated for me, please also put my name on the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration of this request! And thank you for keeping me and the whole group in your prayers during our trip!

Thank You,

Lily and Mario